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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER—ss :

To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the county of Worcester,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the ~~fourth~~ <sup>fourth</sup> day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit :

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and to act thereon.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 5.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 6.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 7.—To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To determine the manner of repairing highways the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 10.—To bring in their ballot "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town."

ART. 11.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. 12.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. 13.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the ensuing year.

ART. 14.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or to take any vote relative thereto.

ART. 15.—To see if the town will grant to the Oakham Farmers' and Mechanics' Club, the use of the town common and town hall for their exhibition in September next.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the post-offices, and one at the Congregational meeting-house in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,  
DAVID R. DEAN,  
LEWIS N. HASKELL,

Selectmen of Oakham.

A true copy attest,

C. H. PARKER, Constable of Oakham.

# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1889.

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TOWN CLERK,  
JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN,

D. R. DEAN, C. H. PARKER, L. N. HASKELL.

ASSESSORS,

D. R. DEAN, S. H. BULLARD, H. W. LINCOLN.

OVERSEERS OF POOR,

JESSE ALLEN, H. P. AUSTIN, W. M. ROBINSON.

COLLECTOR,

LEONARD P. LOVELL.

TREASURER,

STEPHEN M. SARGEANT.

CONSTABLES,

C. H. PARKER, ELBRIDGE MULLETT,  
W. M. ROBINSON, J. WM. BEMIS.

AUDITOR,

FRANK S. CONANT.

FENCE VIEWERS,

A. C. BULLARD, L. N. HASKELL, JESSE ALLEN.

FIELD DRIVERS,

CHARLES NOURSE, GEORGE ALLEN,  
PATRICK GAFFNEY, JAMES SHEERN, J. W. BEMIS,  
S. J. FOSTER, FRANK BURT.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER,

J. N. MORSE, D. M. PARKER, D. R. DEAN.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,

WM. S. CRAWFORD, D. R. DEAN, D. M. PARKER.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

N. W. PACKARD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

JESSE ALLEN, H. W. LINCOLN, H. P. AUSTIN.





# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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We herewith submit in detail the Report for the year ending March 1st, 1890 :

## TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	\$21 50	
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## COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	50 00	
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## TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for postage, stationery and express,	2 00	
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## ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, D. R. Dean,	30 60	
S. H. Bullard,	20 25	\$50 85

## SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services,	75 00	
postage and stationery,	87	75 87

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid School Committee for services, L. P. Lovell,	37 00	
Jesse Allen,	52 50	
H. P. Austin,	10 00	99 50

## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of the Poor,		1,192 67
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## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for Center District,	632 62	
“ Coldbrook “	238 00	
“ West “	218 50	
“ South “	209 95	
“ East “	55 00	
“ School Supplies,	143 47	1,497 54

## OPENING ROADS.

Paid Michael Gaffney,	6	42	
Patrick Gaffney,	7	13	
H. P. Austin,	5	75	
Geo. N. Briggs,	2	94	
L. N. Haskell,	2	00	
W. O. Keep,	4	96	29 20

## REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid J. K. Parmenter,	2	10	
H. P. Austin,	42	56	
C. S. Clifford,	74	04	
W. M. Robinson,	76	18	
J. F. Robinson,	46	40	
G. W. Stone,	37	52	
W. O. Keep,	59	72	
E. H. Dwelly,	57	95	
S. H. Bullard,	51	60	
L. N. Haskell,	48	50	
Patrick Gaffney,	35	60	
Michael Gaffney,	42	07	
D. M. Parker,	56	00	
John E. Stone,	94	30	
W. A. Nye,	69	27	
H. D. Bullard,	48	07	841 88

## STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Caldwell,	48	00	
Elbridge Mullett, guardian for Charlotte Mullett,	28	00	
Geo. E. Reed,	18	00	94 00

## MILITARY AID.

Paid Horace M. Green,	96	00	96 00
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## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid B. P. Clark, land damage,	20	00	
Repairs on Scraper,	17	10	
A. Loring, repairs on hearse,	8	00	
Geo. H. Temple, Memorial Day,	20	00	
C. H. Parker, spikes for bridge,	1	31	
L. R. Robinson, repairs on chimney,	13	00	
D. M. Parker, guide posts,	4	59	
Maynard, Gough & Co., printing,	19	25	
James Packard, services as sexton,	25	75	
E. L. Sawyer, certificates of births,	2	50	



E. L. Sawyer, certificates of deaths,	1	75	
A. J. Holden, chimney cap,	9	00	
F. S. Conant, hardware,		74	
F. A. Smith, insurance,	77	63	
D. M. Parker, voting shelves and rail,	8	17	
D. R. Dean, plank for bridge,	2	12	
L. N. Haskell, grading around common,	11	00	
L. P. Lovell, discount on taxes,	179	49	
F. S. Conant, abatement of taxes,	33	31	
County Tax,	225	00	
State Tax,	340	00	
Principal on Note Spencer Saving Bank,	1000	00	
Interest " " "	101	92	
Principal on Note Barre Savings Bank,	700	00	
Principal " " " "	500	00	
Interest " " " "	40	07	
Interest on Note to Commonwealth,	200	00	
Principal " "	1,500	00	
C. A. Gleason, lighting street lamps,	25	00	
Coldbrook Improvement Society, lighting street lamps,	25	00	5,111 70

#### RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	299	72	
Support of Paupers,	1,192	67	
Schools,	1,497	54	
Opening Roads,	29	20	
Repairing Highways,	841	88	
State Aid,	94	00	
Military Aid,	96	00	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	5,111	70	9,162 71

#### SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER.

S. M. SARGEANT, Treasurer.

DR.

To Balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1889,	1,868	73	
Cash borrowed Barre Savings Bank,	500	00	
" Commonwealth,	1,500	00	
" Commonwealth,	1000	00	
Cash from Corporation tax,	7	77	
" National Bank tax,	8	91	
" State aid,	188	00	
" Dog fund,	111	19	
" School fund,	305	04	

"	Sale of school supplies,	3	94	
"	L. P. Lovell, interest on taxes for 1886,	19	00	
"	Town tax,	4,740	00	
"	State tax,	340	00	
"	County tax,	225	00	
"	Overlaying,	150	58	
"	Grass on common,	7	00	
"	Use Memorial Hall,	6	00	10,981 16

## CR.

By paying Selectmen's orders,	9,162	71	
Uncollected taxes due from F. S. Conant,	445	03	
Uncollected taxes of 1889 due from L. P. Lovell,	1,268	58	
Cash,	104	84	10,981 16

## INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Due Commonwealth, Dec. 31st, 1891, Note at four per cent,	3,500	00
" Commonwealth, Oct. 12th, 1892, Note at four per cent,	1,500	00
" Commonwealth, Dec. 26th, 1892, Note at four per cent,	1,000	00
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	6,000	00

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

## DR.

To State tax,	340	00	
" County tax,	225	00	
" Town tax,	4,740	00	
" Overlayings,	150	58	5,455 58

## CR.

By Treasurer's receipts,	4,187	00	
" Uncollected taxes,	1,268	58	5,455 58

L. P. LOVELL, Collector.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,  
DAVID R. DEAN,  
LEWIS N. HASKELL,

Selectmen of Oakham.

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor

OF THE TOWN OF OAKHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1ST 1890.

Received of the Town for support of the poor, \$1,192 67

WHICH WE ACCOUNT FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for Eunice M. Walker,		169 46
“ “ “ Benjamin Nourse,		57 65
Wm. Mandell for Almira Woodis,		104 00
Peter Gagnon for Mrs. John King,	52 00	
Town of Spencer “ “	10 50	62 50
Estate of S. M. Thresher for Lydia Chamberlain,	4 29	
Shedd Brothers, “ “	74 65	78 94
Mrs. Edwards for children of Edgar Cleaveland,	110 65	
C. H. Parker, “ “ “	3 70	
F. E. Reed “ “ “	1 75	116 10
Dr. Burns, med. attendance for Mrs. L. B. Field,	4 50	
Town of Athol “ “	137 01	
Mr. Lee “ “	15 00	
L. S. Starrett “ “	54 00	210 51
S. O. Butler for Moses Bartlett,		104 60
C. A. Gleason for James Babbitt,	113 05	
Med. attendance on “	31 75	144 80
City of Somerville for Mrs. O. Lloyd,		6 85
J. W. Bemis, keeping eighteen tramps,		13 50
Dea. J. Packard, burial expense of Mrs. S. M. Thresher,		17 50
N. W. Packard, sundries,		9 41
Medical attendance on Mrs. Horatio Perkins,		45 75
W. M. Robinson, journey and expenses to Athol,		4 00
Jesse Allen, traveling expenses, postage and stationery,		16 10
Telephoning,		1 00
Overseer's ordinary services,		30 00
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		1,192 67

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,  
W. M. ROBINSON,  
H. P. AUSTIN,  
Overseers of the Poor.

This is to certify that I have examined and found correct the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer of the Town of Oakham, for the year ending March 1st, 1890.

F. S. CONANT, Auditor.

# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN OAKHAM IN 1889.

## BIRTHS.

April	15	.....	Daughter to	Arthur L. Loring.
"	24	.....	Daughter to	Frank E. Burt.
May	3	.....	Daughter to	J. Wm. Bemis.
"	17	.....	Son to	Charles B. Richardson.
"	29	.....	Son to	Walter R. Dean.
July	14	.....	Son to	Sanford H. Bullard.
Aug.	9	.....	Son to	Paul Snay.
Sept.	1	.....	Daughter to	John P. Day.
Oct.	21	.....	Son to	Charles A. Hatstat.
Nov.	10	.....	Son to	Henry W. Bartlett.
"	17	.....	Son to	Wm. R. Cummings.
"	18	.....	Son to	Peter Ducette.
"	28	.....	Daughter to	James Fox.

Total 13.

## MARRIAGES.

Sept.	18	.....	Rev. H. P. Leonard	to	Eliza A. Kittredge.
Oct.	9	.....	Walter Parker	to	Emma E. Clark.
"	20	.....	Charles N. Green	to	Mary E. Murray.
Dec.	23	.....	Dr. Windsor A. Brown	to	Florence N. Keith.
"	23	.....	Wm. E. Morse	to	Jennie M. Gleason.
"	25	.....	George L. Parker	to	Lillian E. Robiison.

Total 6.

## DEATHS.

			YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan.	14.....	Mrs. Susan M. Thresher,	62	5	30
Feb.	27.....	Mrs. Louisa Abbott,	87	10	27
Mar.	26.....	Mrs. Katie Babcock,	34	3	12
May	25.....	Mrs. Phebe W. Wood,	59	8	25
June	15.....	William H. Hickey,	9	11	23
Sept.	16.....	Horace Wilbur,	82	2	11
"	26.....	Edwin A. Hatstat,	6	9	5
Nov.	5.....	Mrs. Elvira Houghton,	64	8	9
"	13.....	Mrs. Eliza Wilbur,	86	8	25
"	29.....	Charles H. Nourse,	27	0	29
Dec.	21.....	Mrs. Mary A. Walker,	57	2	5
"	21.....	Minnie W. Banks,	0	11	29

## BURIED IN TOWN.

Total 12.

July	11	.....	Mrs. Samuel Crawford,	80		
"	28	.....	Jessie Fairbanks,	28	8	1
Nov.	28	.....	John Adams,	62		
Dec.	22	.....	Mrs. Olive M. Howard,	30	0	3

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.



# SCHOOL REPORT.

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The Report of the School Committee of the Town of Oakham, for the year ending March 1st, 1890, is as follows :

## DR.

To amount appropriated for support of schools by the town,	\$850 00
Received from State school fund,	305 04
“ “ Dog tax refunded,	111 19
“ Cash for school supplies,	3 29
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	1,269 52

## CR.

By expenses for the several schools, as follows :

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Lillian Robinson, spring term,	60 00
“ “ fall term,	65 00
Miss Dora E. Sargeant, winter term,	60 00
Fuel and care of house,	16 45
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	201 45

### COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Lelia Adams, spring term,	70 00
“ “ fall term,	70 00
“ “ winter term,	80 00
Fuel and care of house,	9 00
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	229 00

### WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	65 00
“ “ fall term,	65 00
“ “ winter term,	70 00
Fuel and care of house,	8 50
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	208 50

### CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss Ada V. Walker, spring term,	70 00
“ “ fall term,	70 00
“ “ winter term,	70 00
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	210 00



## CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Miss Alice M. Gardner, spring term,	92 50
Miss Florence Keith, fall term,	90 00
Miss Maria Lincoln, winter term,	80 00
Fuel and care of house,	96 27
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	358 77

## EAST HILL SCHOOL.

Amount paid Mrs. Henry Bartlett,	25 00
Mrs. Paul Snay,	5 00
Edgar O. Crawford, carrying children,	25 00
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	55 00

Total expense of teachers, care of houses and fuel,	1,262 72
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## SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid R. F. Parker, repairs on school houses,	41 75
Wm. S. Crawford, " " "	39 10
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	80 85

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value of school supplies on hand, Feb. 1st, 1890,	136 38
" " " " 1889.	86 19

Paid for school supplies during year,	149 74
F. S. Conant, care of supplies,	8 50
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Cost of school supplies used during year,	158 24
	99 55

Barnes' Language Lessons, and Language Charts have been introduced into our schools with the very best results.

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows :

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number of scholars,	16	Average attendance,	15
Fall " " " "	19	" "	17
Winter " " " "	14	" "	9

## COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number of scholars,	34	Average attendance,	31
Fall " " " "	40	" "	36
Winter " " " "	36	" "	33

## WEST SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number of scholars,	20	Average attendance,	18
Fall " " " "	21	" "	19
Winter " " " "	27	" "	25

## CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Spring term, whole number of scholars,	28	Average attendance,	20
Fall " " " "	38	" "	34
Winter " " " "	27	" "	23

## CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Spring term, whole number of scholars,	29	Average attendance,	20
Fall " " " "	25	" "	15
Winter " " " "	22	" "	17

The attendance in all the schools has been as follows :

Spring term, whole number,	127	Average attendance,	104
Fall " " " "	143	" "	121
Winter " " " "	126	" "	107

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools 166.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy :

### WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—L. Mabel Austin, Edith C. Adams, Stella L. Wyman.

TWO TERMS—Justin E. Rawson. ONE TERM—Clifford R. Knight, Alice White, Maggie Curry, Lester Knight, Richard Adams, Warren Adams.

### COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Edna Bemis, Bertie Butterfield, Henry Butterfield.

TWO TERMS—Ruth Butterfield, Ethel Bemis, Dell Parker, Denny Needham, Maud Parker, Elmer Cleaveland. ONE TERM—Edgar Brooks, Martin Brooks, Robbie Brooks, Millie Parker, Virgil Parker, Mildred Bliss, May Cleaveland, Winnie Matthews, Ida Needham, Gertie Needham, Lottie Sibley, Eva Woodbury.

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Lena Dwelly. TWO TERMS—Walter Woodis. ONE TERM—Jane Brooks, Lena Saunders, Florence Bothwell, Dena Latour, Adelaide Latour, Leon Saunders.

### CENTRE SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS—George Loring, Clement Ayres. ONE TERM—Marion Spear, Addison Angus, Leon Adams, Fannie Robinson, George Briggs, Alpha Sawyer, Ruth Briggs, Jennie Loring, Blanche Packard, Eva Stone, Anna Hickey, James Allen, Johnnie Day, David Robinson, Herbert Sargeant, Jerry Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,  
H. P. AUSTIN,  
H. W. LINCOLN,

School Committee.









